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OSTRICH & THE S.D.

1. Hauptsturmführer Helmut REIZEL

1943-44 Leiter S.D. Stelle, Nice.

Secretary: Alice MACKERT.

He is an old friend of Dr. KNOCHEN; in the spring of 1944 KNOCHEN was compelled to take action against him owing to misappropriation of funds. He was moved from the S.D. for a few months and then reinstated.

In July - August 1944 he took part with a Cossack group in an undertaking against the French Maquis.

In October 1944 he was in the neighbourhood of St. Die with a Russian group described as a kind of Front-aufklärungsgruppe. He controlled line-crossers.

2. Hauptsturmführer van FESSEN

Van FESSEN was a Dutchman and was one of the first officers in Sonderverband FRIEDENTHAL, which at that time was under Oberstuf. DOERNER. He was then transferred to Jaegerbataillon 502, No. 1. Company. As a result of differences with SKORZENY in August 1943 he reverted to the Waffen S.S. and was given a Company in Croatia.

3. Hauptsturmführer HOYER

OSTRICH did not know HOYER personally but TURNAT, HAGEDORN and the Serbian group (see NEBEL report) often discussed HOYER.

HOYER comes from the Wehrmacht but is a fanatical Nazi. He was in the A-Schule West at The Hague, and then instructor in tactics for Jaegerbataillon 502 in FRIEDENTHAL. He is a very close friend of SKORZENY.

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4. Obersturnführer Dr. Gerhard SCHMIDT

OSTRICH first knew SCHMIDT in November, 1941 in Vichy. He was Vice Consul in the German diplomatic mission, but in fact had been sent by the S.D. to Vichy as an observer. In September 1941 he was transferred back to the Waffen S.S.

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